

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:                      Prior Group Art Unit: 2653  
Yasuhito SOMA et al.                      Prior Examiner: Paul W. Huber  
Serial No.: Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
                    of Serial No. 10/238,587  
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For: OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend the application as follows: